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Applicants: William P. BUNTON et al. §  
Serial No.: 09/597,192 § Group Art Unit: 2734  
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For: High-Speed Interconnection §  
Adapter Having Automated §  
Crossed Differential Pair §  
Correction §

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
PROPOSED DRAWING AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Att'y. Docket No. 1662-28800  
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Sir:

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendment prior to initial examination of the above-identified patent application.

**AMENDMENT****IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 1, line 6 insert the following paragraph:

--This application relates to the following commonly assigned co-pending applications entitled: "High-Speed Interconnection Adapter Having Automated Lane De-Skew," Serial No. 09/596,980, filed June 20, 2000, Attorney Docket No. 1662-28900; and "High-Speed Interconnection Link Having Automated Lane Reordering," Serial No. 09/597,190, filed June 20, 2000, Attorney Docket No. 1662-29000--;

On page 8, line 10 delete "and";